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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY; LAGOS FOR AMB YOUNG

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV RH UK TZ  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: NEXT STEPS

REF: A. STATE 79045, B. MAPUTO 371, C. DAR 1293

1. IN TALKING OF HOW WE MIGHT COPE WITH FRONT LINE DEMANDS FOR  
A "MALTA PROLOGUE", AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND I CAME UP WITH THE  
FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES BEFORE YOUNG'S DEPARTURE YESTERDAY:

- A. A LOWER LEVEL CARVER-CHAND-GRAHAM-LOW  
GET TOGETHER WITH THE PF OF THE KIND SUGGESTED IN REF A,
- B. A UK-US HIGH LEVEL SPIN-OFF FROM SOME KIND OF BROADER  
WESTERN INITIATIVE ON AFRICA, E.G., A WESTERN FIVE FOREIGN  
MINISTERS VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA CONNECTED WITH NAMIBIA.

2. A THIRD ELEMENT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY MACHEL'S THOUGHTS IN  
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REF B ON THE POSSIBLE "PRELIMINARY" OR "PRIVATE" NATURE OF A  
MEETING WITH THE PF TO FINISH OFF MALTA PRIOR TO AN ALL PARTIES  
CONFERENCE.

3. YOUNG AND I VERY INFORMALLY TRIED OUT THE FIRST TWO POSSIBILITIES  
ON TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN SALIM JUST PRIOR TO YOUNG'S  
DEPARTURE. SALIM WAS INTERESTED, SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH

NYERERE, AND LET US KNOW. HIS OWN REACTION WAS THAT VENUE WAS UNIMPORTANT: MEETING COULD BE ANYWHERE. FORMAT WAS ESSENTIAL: IT HAD TO BE PF AND UK ON MALTA QUESTIONS. PERSONALITIES WERE LESS CERTAIN - NKOMO AND MUGABE WOULD NOT NOW MEET WITH LOWER LEVELS AND ANY DESIGNEES THEY MIGHT SEND WOULD NOT HAVE POWER OF DECISION.

4. OBVIOUSLY BRITISH RESPONSE TO REF A WILL BE CRITICAL. HOWEVER, ALL SIGNS HERE ARE THAT AFRICANS REMAIN INTERESTED IN CONTINUING SEEK POLITICAL SOLUTION RHODESIA, AND THAT, DESPITE THEIR OFFICIAL RETREAT TO DEMANDING A MALTA PROLOGUE AND STRONG PUBLIC POSITION ON THIS, THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE AT LEAST SOMWHAT FLEXIBLE IN TRYING TO WORK OUR ARRANGMENTS FOR IT.

5. VARIABLES NOTED ABOVE, TOGETHER WITH NYERERE'S SUGGESTION TO DIVIDE MEETING IN TERMS OF TIME, SUGGEST WE STILL HAVE FAIR CHANCE OF WORKING SOMETHING OUT AND THAT WE SHOULD PURSUE IT WITH AFRICANS AS SOON AS WE GET BRITISH RESPONSE TO REF A.  
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